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SUBJECT: AUSTRIA: CONSULTATIONS ON COMPLIANCE WITH 9/11 ACT
REQUIREMENTS AND LASP LETTER

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11. Econ/Pol Counselor met Feb. 13 with MFA Director for Justice and Home Affairs, Dr. Johann Brieger, to relay the information/requests in Reftels A and B.

12. 9/11 Requirements Consultations: Brieger said that, based on preliminary consultations within the GoA, the proposed dates (March 23-24) were acceptable. He will provide formal concurrence after confirming the dates with the other concerned agencies. He also welcomed the presentation on the TSC and data protection, saying it would be of great help to the Data Protection Council in preparing questions for the U.S. delegation. He also agreed that the Council should provide a list of questions in advance of the consultations, so as to make them maximally useful. Brieger accepted the U.S. proposal for expert consultations on both HSPD-6 and PCSC agreements following the discussions on data protection (possibly the morning of March 24). Embassy and MFA will consult on an exact schedule for the consultations once the delegation's travel schedule is available.

13. LASP Letter: Brieger reviewed the draft text of the LASP diplomatic note and, based on his preliminary discussions with the MoI, had no substantive concerns. He asked for some time to review the text for any non-substantive corrections specific to Austria that may be required. Embassy will report any proposed changes to Department before transmitting the note. Brieger said he thought the review of the draft text should take no more than a week.

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